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Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

ANDREW WENDELL

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 1/14/2008.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-12,21-32 and 35-40.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
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3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date ____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
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5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date ____.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. This application is in condition for allowance except for the presence of claims 13-16, 17-20, and 33-34 directed to inventions II and III non-elected without traverse. Accordingly, claims 13-16, 17-20, and 33-34 been cancelled.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Howard Bernstein on 3/12/2008.

In the claims:

Claims 13-16, 17-20, and 33-34 have been cancelled.

The followings claims have been amended as follows:

Regarding claim 1, line 22 insert -- , -- between "transmitted" and "between".

Regarding claim 1, line 22 insert -- , -- between "station" and "exists".

Regarding claim 1, line 26 insert -- , -- between "transmitted" and "between".

Regarding claim 1, line 26 insert -- , -- between "station" and "does".

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Regarding claim 5, line 21 insert -- , -- between “transmitted” and “between”.

Regarding claim 5, line 21 insert -- , -- between “station” and “exists”.

Regarding claim 5, line 25 insert -- , -- between “transmitted” and “between”.

Regarding claim 5, line 25 insert -- , -- between “station” and “does”.

Regarding claim 21, line 16 insert -- , -- between “transmitted” and “between”.

Regarding claim 21, line 16 insert -- , -- after “mobile station”.

Regarding claim 21, line 21 insert -- , -- between “transmitted” and “between”.

Regarding claim 21, line 22 insert -- , -- between “station” and “does”.

Regarding claim 25, line 16 insert -- , -- between “transmitted” and “between”.

Regarding claim 25, line 17 insert -- , -- between “station” and “exists”.

Regarding claim 25, line 21 insert -- , -- between “transmitted” and “between”.

Regarding claim 25, line 22 insert -- , -- between “station” and “does”.

Regarding the specification, page 1 between title and first heading “Technical Field” insert -- Cross-Reference to Related Applications

This application is a national phase application of International Application No. PCT/JP04/05447 filed on April 16, 2004, and claims priority of Japan Patent Application No. 2003-110960 filed on April 16, 2003. –

Allowable Subject Matter

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Regarding claim 1, system claim 1 is allowed for the same reason as system claim 5 since the recited elements would perform the claimed steps.

The prior art of record fails the claimed subject matter as claimed and substantially connected in claims 1-4, 9-10, and 12.

Regarding claim 5, the prior art of record, Kim et al. (US 6,714,524) teaches a mobile communication system comprising a base station (Fig. 1A); and a mobile station (Fig. 1A) which performs data transmission/reception with the base station using a wireless link set between them (Figs. 1A and 1B), wherein said base station comprises means for transmitting a downlink individual channel to the mobile station (Col. 2 line 23-Col. 3 line 22); means for starting synchronization establishment operation of an uplink individual channel to be transmitted from the mobile station to base station at a first timing (Fig. 2A) of a specified cycle previously set (Col. 2 line 23-Col. 3 line 22); and means for performing transmission/reception of data to be transmitted in the case where the synchronization between the uplink individual channel and downlink individual channel (Col. 2 line 23-Col. 3 line 22).

The prior art of record fails to teach a mobile communication system comprising a base station; and a mobile station which performs data transmission/reception with the base station using a wireless link set between them, wherein said base station comprises means for transmitting a downlink individual channel to the mobile station;

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means for starting synchronization establishment operation of an uplink individual channel to be transmitted from the mobile station to base station at a first timing of a specified cycle previously set; and means for performing transmission/reception of data to be transmitted in the case where the synchronization between the uplink individual channel and downlink individual channel has been established at a third timing of a specified cycle previously set and the data to be transmitted between the base station and the mobile station exists, wherein said mobile station comprises means for transmitting the uplink individual channel to the base station; means for starting synchronization establishment operation of the downlink individual channel at a second timing of a specified cycle previously set; means for performing transmission/reception of data to be transmitted in the case where the synchronization between the uplink individual channel and downlink individual channel has been established at a third timing of a specified cycle previously set and the data to be transmitted between the base station and mobile station exists; and means for suspending at least one of the transmission of the uplink individual channel or reception of the downlink individual channel in the case where the synchronization between the uplink individual channel and downlink individual channel has been established at the third timing and the data to be transmitted between the base station and the mobile station does not exist, and wherein when the synchronization of the uplink individual channel or the downlink individual channel has not been established at the third timing, the synchronization establishment operation is continued.

The prior art of record fails the claimed subject matter as claimed and substantially connected in claims 5-8, 11, and 38-40.

Regarding claim 21, method claim 21 is allowed for the same reason as system claim 5 since the recited elements would perform the claimed steps.

The prior art of record fails the claimed subject matter as claimed and substantially connected in claims 21-24, 29-30, and 32.

Regarding claim 25, method claim 25 is allowed for the same reason as system claim 5 since the recited elements would perform the claimed steps.

The prior art of record fails the claimed subject matter as claimed and substantially connected in claims 25-28, 31, and 35-37.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Carlsson discloses locating packet-switched mobile terminals using network initiated artificial cell hops. Matsuoka discloses a mobile communications system, base station, and mobile terminal. Metais discloses a method for controlling a communications channel shared by several stations. Yeh discloses a wireless communications method with channel shared function. Akita discloses a data transmission system, data transmitter, and transmitting method. Bingham discloses a

time and data synchronization between network devices. Kaku discloses synchronization method and apparatus. Chitrapu discloses an apparatus and method for performing initial cell search in wireless communication systems. Shin discloses a method and system for integrating packet type information with synchronization symbols. Morita discloses synchronization system and synchronization method of multisystem control apparatus. Nakai discloses synchronizing system using IEEE 1394 serial bus standard. Laroia discloses an uplink timing synchronization and access control for a multi-access wireless communication system. Naito discloses a mobile communication system, radio base station apparatus, and method for determining uplink reception synchronization. Ishii discloses a base station serial connection communication system in a mobile communication system. Sekine discloses a mobile communication system for accomplishing handover with phase difference of frame sync signals corrected. Ali discloses a method and apparatus for the time synchronization in a data communication system.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ANDREW WENDELL whose telephone number is (571)272-0557. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30-5 M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nay Maung can be reached on 571-272-7882. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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